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In re application of

Gilles KREMER Non-fee Amendment

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ELECTRONIC PAYMENT METHOD AND DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

--4. (amended) Process according to claim 2, characterized in that:

- in the course of the reception operation, an account number attribute to the user is received and
- in the course of the display operation, the account number is displayed in said window.--

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

--5. (amended) Process according to claim 2, characterized in that:

- in the course of the reception operation, the name of a payer entity is received and

- in the course of the display operation, the name of the payer entity is displayed in said window.--

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

--6. (amended) Process according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises an operation of transmission by the merchant site of a demand for emission of the payment certificate to a third party site.--

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

--7. (amended) Process according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises an operation of allocating a certificate of integrity to the payment certificate and to the confidential information acquired by the user.--

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

--8. (amended) Process according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises an operation of transmitting of an amount available in the account attributed to said user.--

REMARKS

Claims 4-8 have been amended. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the

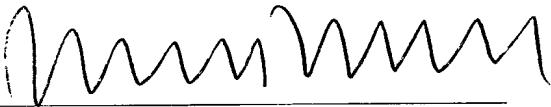
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current Preliminary Amendment. The attached page is captioned
"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"

--4. (amended) Process according to [any one of claims 2 or 3] claim 2, characterized in that:

- in the course of the reception operation, an account number attribute to the user is received and
- in the course of the display operation, the account number is displayed in said window.--

--5. (amended) Process according to [any one of claims 2 to 4] claim 2, characterized in that:

- in the course of the reception operation, the name of a payer entity is received and
- in the course of the display operation, the name of the payer entity is displayed in said window.--

--6. (amended) Process according to [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, characterized in that it comprises an operation of transmission by the merchant site of a demand for emission of the payment certificate to a third party site.--

--7. (amended) Process according to [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, characterized in that it comprises an operation of allocating a certificate of integrity to the payment certificate and to the confidential information acquired by the user.--

--8. (amended) Process according to [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, characterized in that it comprises an

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operation of transmitting of an amount available in the account attributed to said user.--